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Gramasevak Training Centre at Parli.

* 375 *Q.*—Sri E. H. PARAMESWARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for shifting the present Gramasevak Training Centre at Parli in Palghat taluk to any other place;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether any representations have been received from public bodies and M.L.As., of the Malabar district against the proposed step and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) There was a proposal to shift the Training Centre at Parli. The question was considered and it has been decided to retain the Training Centre at Parli at presnt with reference to the number of candidates to be trained for the several regions."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CITY TENANTS' PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955 (L.A. BILL NO. 15 OF 1955).

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, I beg to move . . ."

* Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is a very important Bill. I went through it. We want to bring in many amendments. It was passed only yesterday in the Assembly and this is brought in here to-day. There is not any urgency about it. Actually, some of us have very serious objections to the application of this amending Bill to the City of Madras. It applies not only to properties leased before 1922, but before this Bill, although it is not mentioned in the statement of objects and reasons. The amendment is affecting the landlords as also the tenants in the City of Madras. We want to bring in amendments. I cannot understand why it should be hurried through in this manner here. That is why, Sir, with your permission, I should say that people are talking that this Council is not functioning well and doing useful service. We want to make it useful and I should like to give notice of amendments. Therefore, I suggest that this Bill can be taken up some time later."

* The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, an ordinance was passed previously, and by this Bill we are only converting that into an Act. Therefore, this Bill has to be passed within a certain period and so there is some urgency. With regard to the other point, the old Act is being extended to other Municipalities and to tenancies that have taken place. There is no complication in this. I therefore submit that we can proceed with the consideration of the Bill."